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and selling and which is closely associated with the number of his name, may, our author thinks, have been suggested in some measure by this *χάραγμα* bearing a name and a number of Roman government offices. He is aware of the double difficulty that the *χάραγμα* of the beast was impressed on the hand or the forehead, not on a document, and that the number of the name is not the same thing as the number of the year, but accounts for these variations as possibly due to apocalyptic tradition. The argument scarcely carries complete conviction, but the facts recorded are very welcome, and the suggested explanation may be safely pronounced probable. The value of the essay is heightened by a reproduction of the legend on the Berlin stamp.

This excellent work of Deissmann ought to be followed by equally careful work on the part of the scholars of England and America.

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LITERARY NOTES.

WE have received from N. W. Ayer & Son, Philadelphia, the *American Newspaper Annual*, containing a catalogue of the American newspapers. The work is invaluable for publishers, and represents an astonishing amount of painstaking toil.

SINCE the decease of the *Thinker* the English theological world has lacked a general theological review, but, as far as book reviews are concerned, the *Critical Review* has more than upheld its reputation in supplying the lack which it would be thought the English public must feel. We venture, however, to call attention to a slip in the July number by which an article in the *BIBLICAL WORLD* for May written by Professor G. B. Foster was credited to Dr. Arthur Fairbanks.

THE Cathedral Library Association (123 East Fiftieth street, New York) publishes a *Harmony of the Gospels*, by Rev. Joseph Bruneau, S. S., professor in St. Joseph's Seminary, based upon the Douay version. It has little peculiarity except its footnotes, in which a large number of quotations are introduced from writers of the Roman church. Professor Bruneau, however, is acquainted with other literature, and does not hesitate to use it. The publication of such a work is another evidence of the growing interest in the study of the life of Jesus. It is to be regretted that the proof-reading in this otherwise admirable book is execrable.

AMONG the various magazines which are devoted to biblical study in English two are worthy of special attention, the *Expositor* and the *Expository Times*. The method by which each of these two is conducted is radically different, the *Expositor* having no editorial department, and devoting itself wholly to the publication of papers, generally short and to a certain extent technical. The *Expository Times*, on the other hand, is thoroughly the work of an editor from its book reviews, which, though too often superficial, never fail to be readable, to its editorial paragraphs. Somewhat more than the *Expositor*, the *Expository Times* publishes articles of general theological interest, but is always careful to insert a number of papers upon words and texts.

THE latest number in Professor Moulton's *Modern Reader's Bible* contains in two volumes the gospel of Luke, the Acts of the Apostles, and the epistles of Paul, which last are inserted in their proper place in the narrative of the Acts. So far as the third gospel is concerned, the work of the editor consists almost entirely in breaking it up into sections and printing the words of Jesus in bold-faced type and quotations from the prophets in italics. The same is true in the case of Acts. Acts 17:21, however, is printed as a footnote. The Pauline letters, like Acts, are broken into paragraphs, with the quotations printed in italics. While it is true that the volumes of the New Testament series do not have the same novelty and suggestiveness as that of the Old Testament, they are bound to be serviceable in the hands of those who really wish to read the Bible.

WE have received from C. M. Heard, D.D., editor and publisher, seven numbers of the *Conference Examiner*, a magazine devoted to the service of the student ministers of the Methodist church and their examiners. The volume consists very largely of analyses of the books which the examining board has proposed for men who are being trained for the Methodist ministry, although the list of subjects is not at all limited to such volumes. Many of the articles are really outlines of study, with explanatory hints as to the best method, and are calculated to be helpful, although it appears as if, in several cases, abbreviation and condensation have injured intelligibility, but this is a difficulty which adheres in all such undertakings. Perhaps as satisfactory as any of these papers are those which are intended to show the student how to prepare a sermon. They are written with a certain colloquial directness which commands attention.